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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite inductor element comprising:
a block made of at least either resin or rubber having a magnetic material dispersed therein, external electrodes being provided on said block; and
~~a plurality of~~ at least three spirally wound coils buried in said block, end portions of each of the ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils being electrically connected to said external electrodes; wherein

~~the plurality of~~ at least three coils are arranged such that axes of all of the ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils are different from each other and extend substantially parallel to one another; and

at least one of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils has a different electrical characteristic produced by at least one of (1) a different number of windings of said at least one of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils from that of the remainder of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils, (2) a different thickness of said at least one of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils from that of the remainder of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils, (3) a different diameter of said at least one of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils from that of the remainder of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils, and (4) (3) a different space between wound sections of said at least one of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils from that of the remainder of said ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils.

Claim 2 (canceled).

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Claim 3 (original): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein four of the coils are provided.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein the block has a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein the external electrodes are made of one of Ag, Ag-Pd, and Ni.

Claim 8 (original): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein the external electrodes comprise substantially U-shaped caps made of silver.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein one of the ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils has a different number of winding turns from that of others of the ~~plurality of~~ at three coils.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A composite inductor element according to claim 1, wherein one of the ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils has a different wire thickness from that of others of the ~~plurality of~~ at least three coils.

Claims 11-20 (canceled).